



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
September 7, 2011

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: : K. Grunwald (staff), S. Baxter (staff), J. Woodmansee (staff), F. Baruzzi, R. LeClerc, MJ Newman, J. Goldman, C. Guerreri, J. Stoughton, E. Tulman, L. Dahn, L. Young, J. Higham, V. Fry, G. Bent, E. Soffer Roberts, S. Anderson, P. Braithwaite, A. Bloom, S. Daly, A. Bladen

GUESTS: J. Gilchrest, CAHS

REGRETS: E. Tulman

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
Call to Order	<p>G. Bent called the meeting to order at 6:35pm</p> <p>G. Bent reported that MAC has received a direct link on the town website and it can be accessed at www.mansfieldct.org/mac. This address can be used for flyers and correspondence.</p> <p>Vote on Minutes of 8/3/11</p> <p>G. Bent noted that the next order of business will be follow-up because the scheduled visitor Jillian Gilchrest has not yet arrived.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Motion:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>J. Higham moves to approve the 8/3/11 minutes as presented. A. Bloom seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i></p>
Follow up	<p>J. Stoughton reported that the Executive Council considered the idea of moving the meeting dates, however, because of scheduling conflicts, they will remain as scheduled.</p> <p>J. Woodmansee reported that the K-Intake forms were delivered to each three (3) elementary schools on August 23rd.</p> <p>S. Anderson stated that volunteers from the playground committee will be asked to volunteer in the FOG booth but that literature from MAC and a representative of MAC would be welcome.</p> <p>S. Anderson also reported that commitment from the Town regarding the property is essential to move forward. K. Grunwald added that there are available</p>	<p>The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd at 1:30 in Conference Room B in Town Hall.</p> <p>Responses are due to start coming back any day.</p> <p>The next scheduled playground committee meeting is September 8th.</p>

	<p>monies budgeted for the \$250.00 retainer.</p> <p>K. Grunwald stated that the 1st round of interviews for Sandy's position has been completed and that the 2nd round of the top three (3) candidates is scheduled for Friday, September 9th.</p> <p>C. Guerreri reported that the \$10K from SDE should be arriving soon and that GMF is discussing a shift in their fiscal year to align it with the Towns' which would mean a transitional grant from April through June.</p>	
Guest Presentation	<p>Jillian Gilchrest, Early Care and Education Analyst for the Connecticut Association of Human Services introduces herself. She states that the main objective of CAHS is to end poverty and engage, equip and empower all families in CT to build a secure future. She discussed resources such as <i>All Our Kin</i> which is a New Haven based non-profit organization dedicated to early care and education and 211 which provides a list of all family based providers.</p> <p>J. Gilchrest discussed future policies and noted that Governor Malloy's most recent budget, Plan C, does not cut any funding for early care and education.</p>	J. Gilchrest offered to come back and provide quarterly updates to the collaborative and that if you are interested in subscribing to the CAHS list serves to send her an email.
Performance Measures re: MAC Collaborative	G. Bent explained an exercise to that will begin to collect data to determine the effectiveness of the collaborate and evaluate the performance of the collaborative as to how much, how well and, are we better off. To begin the exercise she asked that the members split into small groups and come up with action items in which improvement can be measured over time.	This exercise will continue at the October meeting.
Adjournment/ Next Meeting	<p>Next Executive Council meeting on Thursday, September 22nd 1:15 in Conference Room B.</p> <p><u>Next MAC Meeting Wednesday, October 5 , 2011,</u> <u>Town Hall –Council Chambers at:</u> <u>5:00PM</u> Team meetings <u>6:30PM</u> full MAC meeting</p> <p>Agenda topics: please send to Jillene at woodmanseejb@mansfieldct.org</p>	The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

“All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners connected to the community.”